



BOROUGH OF CLITHEROE

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Health and Sanitary Administration of
the Borough

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A. SUMMARY OF STATISTICS AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS

Area of Borough (in acres)	2,386
Population - Census, 1951	12,057
Estimated Population - Mid 1958	11,940
Number of Inhabited Houses, Census, 1951	3,886
Number of Inhabited Houses, end of 1958	4,378
Rateable Value	£120,231
Sum represented by a Penny Rate... ..	£ 477

The principal Industries carried on in the area are Cotton and Rayon Weaving, Cotton Bleaching, Cement Manufacture, Chemical Manufacture, Agricultural and Precision Engineering, Domestic Heater Manufacture, Garment Manufacture and Limestone Quarrying.

SUMMARY OF VITAL STATISTICS

<u>LIVE BIRTHS</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Total</u>
Legitimate... ..	86	58	144
Illegitimate	3	4	7
	89	62	151

BIRTH RATE per 1,000 of estimated Population.

Crude..... 12.6 Adjusted.....14.3

STILLBIRTHS

Legitimate... ..	3	1	4
Illegitimate	-	-	-
	3	1	4

RATE per 1,000 total (live and still) Births 25.8

<u>DEATHS</u>	78	110	188
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DEATH RATE per 1,000 of estimated resident Population.

Crude..... 15.7 Adjusted.....10.4

INFANT MORTALITY (under 1 year)

Legitimate... ..	2	1	3
Illegitimate	-	-	-
	2	1	3

RATE per 1,000 Live Births19.9

NEO-NATAL MORTALITY (under 4 weeks)

Legitimate... ..	2	1	3
Illegitimate	-	-	-
	2	1	3

RATE per 1,000 Live Births 19.9

MATERNAL MORTALITY

Deaths from Pregnancy, Childbirth, etc... .. NIL.
RATE per 1,000 total (live and still) Births NIL.

BIRTH RATE

It will be seen that the number of LIVE BIRTHS registered during the year was 151, giving an adjusted Rate of 14.3 per 1,000 of the population, which is a decrease of 0.5 per 1,000 on the figure for the previous year (1957).

The trend of this Rate over the past ten years, in comparison with the rate for England and Wales is shown in the following Table:-

Year	Clitheroe			Rate per 1,000	England and Wales Rate per 1,000
	Number of Births				
	M.	F.	Total		
1949	115	113	228	18.6	16.7
1950	121	113	234	20.4	15.8
1951	80	79	159	14.4	15.5
1952	88	73	161	14.5	15.3
1953	106	85	191	17.2	15.5
1954	79	80	159	14.9	15.2
1955	84	78	162	15.3	15.0
1956	76	71	147	13.9	15.7
1957	84	73	157	14.8	16.1
1958	89	62	151	14.3	16.4
Average - Years 1949-1958				15.8	15.7

STILLBIRTHS

Four stillbirths were assigned to the Borough during 1958, a decrease of five on the figure for the previous year.

The table given below sets out details relating to stillbirths for the past ten years:-

Year	Number of Stillbirths	Rate per 1,000 (live and still) Births	Rate per 1,000 of Population	
			Clitheroe	England and Wales
1949	2	9	0.16	0.39
1950	8	33	0.64	0.37
1951	7	42	0.58	0.36
1952	4	24	0.33	0.35
1953	3	15	0.25	0.35
1954	1	6	0.08	0.34
1955	3	18	0.25	0.35
1956	6	39	0.51	0.37
1957	9	54	0.75	0.37
1958	4	25.8	0.33	0.36
Average - years 1949-1958			0.38	0.36

DEATH RATE

The number of deaths of Clitheroe residents which occurred during the year was 188, representing an adjusted DEATH RATE of 10.4 per 1,000 of the population, a decrease of 5.3 per 1,000 on the figure for the previous year.

The Death Rate for the Borough for the past ten years is shown below in comparison with the rate for England and Wales:-

Year	Clitheroe		England and Wales Rate per 1,000
	Total Deaths	Adjusted Rate per 1,000	
1949	180	14.7	11.7
1950	183	12.6	11.6
1951	184	13.0	12.5
1952	151	10.7	11.3
1953	202	14.3	11.4
1954	166	11.6	11.3
1955	215	15.1	11.7
1956	252	16.0	11.7
1957	280	15.7	11.5
1958	198	10.4	11.7
Average - Years 1949-1958		13.4	11.6

INFANT MORTALITY RATE

Three Infant Deaths (under 1 year) were registered during the year, an increase of one on the previous year.

This gives a RATE of 19.9 per 1,000 live births.

The following Table gives the Infant Mortality Rate per 1,000 live births for the past ten years compared with the Rate for England and Wales:-

Year	Clitheroe	England and Wales
1949	35	32
1950	21	29.8
1951	38	29.6
1952	25	27.6
1953	10	26.8
1954	25	25.5
1955	37	24.9
1956	7	23.8
1957	13	23.0
1958	19.9	22.5
Average - 1949-1958	23	26.5

OTHER INFANT DEATHS

Deaths from Measles (all ages)... .. NIL

Deaths from Whooping Cough (all ages) NIL

Deaths from Diarrhoea (under 2 years) NIL

CAUSES AND SEX DISTRIBUTION OF DEATHS

It will be seen from the Table below that there was a considerable reduction in the deaths from Heart Disease, 62 as against 122 in the previous year, and from all forms of Cancer, 29 as against 50 in 1957. There was a slight increase in the deaths from Vascular Lesions of the Nervous System. Some 74% of the 188 deaths registered were attributable to the above three groups of disease.

During the year, 69 deaths occurred in Clitheroe Hospital (chronic sick females). As such deaths are not transferable and are assigned to the Borough area, they have quite a marked effect on the Death Rate figures.

CAUSES AND SEX DISTRIBUTION OF DEATHS - YEAR 1958

Cause of Death	M.	F.	TOTAL
All causes - Certified	78	110	188
Uncertified	-	-	-
Diphtheria	-	-	-
Whooping Cough	-	-	-
Measles	-	-	-
Tuberculosis (Respiratory)... ..	1	1	2
Other Tuberculous Diseases...	-	-	-
Acute Poliomyelitis	-	-	-
Influenza	-	-	-
Malignant neoplasm, stomach	1	3	4
Malignant neoplasm, lung, bronchus	4	2	6
Malignant neoplasm, uterus... ..	-	2	2
Malignant neoplasm, breast... ..	-	4	4
Other Malignant Neoplasms	9	4	13
Diabetes	-	1	1
Vascular Lesions of Nervous System	13	36	49
Coronary Disease, angina	22	17	39
Hypertension with Heart Disease... ..	1	1	2
Other Heart Disease	6	15	21
Other Diseases of Circulatory System... ..	1	6	7
Pneumonia	2	6	8
Bronchitis	5	-	5
Other Diseases of Respiratory System... ..	2	-	2
Ulcer of Stomach or Duodenum	-	-	-
Gastritis, Enteritis and Diarrhoea	1	1	2
Nephritis and Nephrosis	-	1	1
Pregnancy, Childbirth, Abortion... ..	-	-	-
Congenital Malformations	-	-	-
Motor Vehicle Accidents	2	-	2
All Other Accidents	-	3	3
Suicide	1	2	3
All Other Causes... ..	7	5	12
TOTALS ...	78	110	188

B. GENERAL PROVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES

I. A comprehensive range of services is maintained by the LOCAL HEALTH AUTHORITY, the LANCASHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL. They include Ante-natal Clinic (with classes for exercises and relaxation); Child Welfare Clinic; Eye and Aural Clinic; Speech Therapy Clinic and other School Medical Services. Provision is also made for Child Guidance.

These Clinics are carried on at Eastham House, Eshton Terrace, Clitheroe.

The AMBULANCE SERVICE for the Town is provided by the Lancashire County Council and vehicles are housed at the Depot in Princess Avenue, Clitheroe.

11. HEALTH SERVICES PROVIDED FOR THE TOWN BY THE REGIONAL HOSPITAL BOARD

- (i) GENERAL HOSPITAL SERVICES. These are provided by the Manchester Regional Hospital Board in Blackburn Accrington, Preston, Burnley and Nelson. There is also access where required to Manchester, Liverpool and other hospitals.

CHEST SURGERY is based on Blackpool Victoria Hospital. This Thoracic Unit is under the direction of Mr. P. Jewsbury, F.R.C.S. who also visits the hospitals of the Blackburn and Burnley Group.

BRAIN SURGERY, ETC. is based on Preston Royal Infirmary under the Neuro-Surgical Unit conducted by Mr. G. K. Tutton, F.R.C.S., who also visits the hospitals in the Blackburn and Burnley Group.

MATERNITY CASES are provided for at Bramley Meade, Whalley; Queen's Park Hospital, Blackburn, and Preston Royal Infirmary.

INFECTIOUS DISEASES are accommodated as required at Park Lee Hospital, Blackburn, and the Marsden Hospital, Burnley.

CHEST CLINIC. This is now held at Blackburn Royal Infirmary under the direction of the Chest Physician, Dr. R. Ward.

(ii) PATHOLOGICAL AND BACTERIOLOGICAL SERVICES

The Pathological and Bacteriological Departments of the Blackburn and East Lancashire Royal Infirmary, and the Preston Royal Infirmary, do the Public Health Laboratory work in accordance with the Government Scheme officially carried out by the Manchester Regional Hospital Board.

A Sub-Laboratory, under the direction of Dr. Spink, Pathologist to the Blackburn Group of Hospitals, functions in a suite of rooms at the Clitheroe Hospital, and is open between 9-0 a.m. and 9-30 a.m. each Wednesday. The local Practitioners can refer Clitheroe patients for any necessary tests, and if the patients are unfit to attend at the Laboratory, the Pathologist visits them in their own homes on request from their doctor.

(iii) X-RAY FACILITIES

Blackburn Royal Infirmary, Victoria Hospital, Accrington, Victoria Hospital, Burnley, and Reedyford Hospital, Nelson, all have "Open Access Departments" to which any general medical practitioner can send cases for x-ray examination direct, without the patient having to be sent first to a hospital clinic, thus saving the time of the patient and the consultant when it is appropriate to deal with the case in this manner.

This facility also enables the general medical practitioners to maintain their medical interest because they do not necessarily have to lose the oversight of their cases when direct reference to the x-ray department is appropriate.

111. HEALTH SERVICES PROVIDED BY VOLUNTARY AGENCIES

- (i) A PHYSIOTHERAPY CENTRE is conducted in rooms in New Market Street, Clitheroe. This is a voluntary organisation supported by public subscription and small payments made by patients, and also from monies derived from the funds of the former District Nursing Association. It continues to render useful service. A wide variety of treatments are available and appropriate physiotherapy is given to an increasing number of patients when recommended by their medical attendant.

The Centre relieves the pressure on the physiotherapy departments of local hospitals; these departments are grossly under-staffed because of the great shortage of trained personnel.

The Centre also saves patients in time and trouble. It has no connection with the National Health Service.

- (ii) THE OLD PEOPLE'S WELFARE CENTRE is housed in commodious premises in Lowergate and continues to be a beneficial and popular social centre much appreciated by the older generation of townspeople. It is supported by voluntary subscriptions and "efforts" and has encouragement from the Borough Council and the County Council.

A CHIROPODY SERVICE for old people came into operation during 1958.

C. PREVALENCE AND CONTROL OF INFECTIOUS DISEASE

The incidence of Infectious Diseases during 1958 is shown in the following Table, which includes particulars of cases notified to the Authority, cases removed to hospital, and deaths from these diseases. Cases of the non-notifiable minor infectious diseases are not included:-

Notifiable Disease	Total cases all Ages	Cases Notified						Total Deaths	Cases removed to Hospital
		Age Periods - years							
		0-1	1-4	5-9	10-24	25-64	65 & over		
Smallpox.....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Diphtheria....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Scarlet Fever	16	-	4	10	2	-	-	-	-
Measles.....	233	2	96	132	3	-	-	-	-
Whooping Cough	5	-	1	4	-	-	-	-	-
Ac. Pneumonia	2	-	-	-	-	-	2	8	-
Puer. Pyrexia	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Poliomyelitis, P.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
-do- NP.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Encephalitis	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Dysentery.....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Oph. Neonatorum	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Erysipelas....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Food Poisoning	1	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-
T.B. Respiratory	2	-	-	-	1	1	-	2	3
T.B. Other Forms	2	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-
TOTALS	261	2	101	146	8	2	2	10	3

It will be seen from the foregoing Table that 261 cases of notifiable disease were reported during the year, an increase of 54 cases on the previous year.

I set out overleaf a table for five years, for comparative purposes.

Disease	1954	1955	1956	1957	1958
Smallpox.....	-	-	-	-	-
Diphtheria.....	-	-	-	-	-
Scarlet Fever.....	12	14	26	10	16
Measles.....	257	40	-	157	233
Whooping Cough.....	22	27	70	16	5
Typhoid Fever.....	-	-	-	-	-
Paratyphoid Fever....	-	-	-	-	-
Poliomyelitis - P....	-	-	8	1	-
-do- - NP....	-	-	6	2	-
Erysipelas.....	1	1	3	1	-
Acute Pneumonia.....	6	1	5	15	2
Dysentery.....	-	-	-	-	-
Ophthalmia Neonatorum	-	-	-	-	-
Malaria - all forms..	-	-	-	-	-
Food Poisoning.....	1	1	-	-	1
Puerperal Pyrexia....	-	-	-	-	-
Tuberculosis -					
Respiratory	9	3	9	4	2
Tuberculosis - Other					
Forms.....	2	2	1	1	2
Infective Encephalitis	-	-	-	-	-
TOTALS	310	89	128	207	261

There were increases during 1958 in the number of cases of Measles and Scarlet Fever, but the incidence of Whooping Cough was lower than in the previous year.

The outbreak of Measles (233 cases) proved to be of a fairly mild type and no deaths resulted.

It is pleasing to report that Clitheroe was again free from Diphtheria during 1958. Only one case of this disease has occurred in the town since 1946.

It must again be stressed that if this record is to be maintained a high level of immunisation is essential.

The Lancashire County Council have given the opportunity to every Medical Practitioner in the area to provide immunisation against Whooping Cough, generally at the same time as immunisation against Diphtheria. Commonly immunisation is given against Tetanus ("lock-jaw") at the same time. These facilities are available at the Clinics or at the doctors' surgeries, for all children. Children may now be protected against five serious infectious diseases, namely, Smallpox, Diphtheria, Whooping Cough, Tetanus and Poliomyelitis. The County Council's Scheme for B.C.G. Vaccination against Tuberculosis has also operated since 1957.

POLIOMYELITIS - IMMUNISATION

As mentioned previously, the response in the Borough of Clitheroe has been extremely good and as more and more vaccine becomes available it is hoped that, gradually, we shall work up to a 100% cover of all our children. The immunisation, in the vast majority of cases, is being done at the Lancashire County Council Child Welfare Service at the Clinic Eshton Terrace, Clitheroe.

INCIDENCE AND MORTALITY OF TUBERCULOSIS

During 1958 cases of Tuberculosis were admitted to various Sanatoria under the Regional Hospital Board which administers the general scheme. Close liaison is still maintained between the Board and the local Public Health Department.

All the necessary disinfections following these cases are carried out by our own Department.

The following Table shows the age group incidence of new cases of tuberculosis notified, and the deaths therefrom in 1958:-

Age Periods Years	New Cases				Deaths			
	Respiratory		Non Respiratory		Respiratory		Non Respiratory	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
0-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
5-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
10-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
15-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
20-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-
25-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
35-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-
45-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-
55-	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	-
65-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
75+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
TOTALS	2	0	0	2	1	1	-	-
	2		2		2		-	

It will be seen that two cases of Respiratory Tuberculosis were notified during 1958, a decrease of 2 on the 1957 figure.

Two cases of Non-Respiratory was also reported, and two deaths were attributable to Respiratory Tuberculosis during the year.

The following Table gives the Death Rates for Respiratory Tuberculosis in the Borough, the County of Lancaster, and England and Wales, for the past ten years:-

Year	Rate per 1,000 of Population		
	Clitheroe	Lancashire	England & Wales
1949	0.16	0.34	0.44
1950	0.16	0.28	0.32
1951	0.17	0.26	0.28
1952	0.17	0.20	0.21
1953	0.17	0.18	0.18
1954	0.08	0.14	0.16
1955	0.08	0.15	0.13
1956	0.17	0.11	0.11
1957	0.08	0.10	0.09
1958	0.08	0.10	0.10
Average-Years 1949 - 1958	0.13	0.19	0.20

P A R T I I

E N V I R O N M E N T A L H Y G I E N E

1. SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA
(including Refuse Collection and Disposal)

2. HOUSING

3. INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD

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1. SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA

WATER SUPPLY

The main source of supply is a series of springs the flow from which is collected into meeting wells before being piped to the reservoir at Lowcocks.

The spring supply is supplemented by two artesian wells and can be further augmented by pumping from two boreholes, the second of these being completed during 1958.

Although the supply from the springs is of a very high quality, the Council have thought it advisable to have a second line of defence, and during the year a chlorination scheme was completed and put into operation.

WATER SAMPLING

During the year, 120 Bacteriological examinations were made. The great majority of these were satisfactory and it is interesting to note that all samples taken in the town after the chlorination equipment came into operation have been highly satisfactory.

DRAINAGE AND SEWAGE

Further extension of sewers have taken place to accommodate building development.

SANITARY ACCOMMODATION

There are in the Borough some 15 Pail Closets, 1,065 Waste Water or "Tipper" Closets, and 3,533 Freshwater Closets.

During the year 1957, a Scheme for the abolition of the remaining pail and waste-water closets was inaugurated, the Council undertaking to make a Grant of £10 for each conversion to the freshwater system. At the end of the year, 74 conversions under the scheme had been completed satisfactorily. A further 18 such closets were abolished under Improvement Schemes, making a total of 92 for the year.

A considerable number of these obsolete closets are in properties scheduled for demolition in the Slum Clearance Programme, so that they will be still further reduced in this way.

RIVERS AND STREAMS

No special action was called for in respect of pollution during the year.

REFUSE REMOVAL AND DISPOSAL

The following is a summary of the work done in the removal of House and Shop Refuse, etc., (excluding salvage loads) during the year ended 31st December, 1958.

1. House and Shop Refuse removed	4061 loads
2. Offal removed from Public Abattoir	197 loads
3. Fish and Vegetable Offal removed	262 loads
4. Nightsoil from Pail Closets	56 loads

TOTAL... 4576

There are some 4909 dustbins in use in the Borough area at the end of 1958. The control of replacement bins is in the hands of the Local Authority under a Scheme which has been operated for many years past.

SALVAGE

The collection of salvage material continued satisfactorily during 1958.

The following Table shows the total weight of salvage disposed of and the income derived therefrom during the year ended 31st December, 1958:-

SALVAGE (continued).....

Material	Weight				Revenue		
	T.	C.	Q.	LBS.	£	s.	d.
Waste Paper	71	15	1	-	428.	6.	1.
Cardboard	38	8	3	-	288.	5.	7.
Baled Dest. Tins ..	39	14	-	-	204.	2.	10.
Textiles	-	14	-	-	7.	-.	-.
Ferrous Metal	1	14	1	-	10.	5.	6.
Non-Ferr. Metal...	-	5	3	-	17.	14.	8.
TOTALS... ..	152	12	-	-	955.	14.	8.

A BONUS SCHEME for the collection of waste paper and cardboard operates in the department.

LITTER

Litter Bins are sited in the principal streets of the town. These are under the control of the Borough Engineer's Department and are emptied by the streetsweepers on their round.

SANITARY INSPECTION OF THE DISTRICT

Number of Premises visited	2549
Number of Nuisances discovered	236
Number of Nuisances abated	232
Number of House Inspections under Housing Acts... ..	160
Number of House Re-inspections	152
Number of Other House Inspections	102
Number of Inspections re: Rent Act, 1957 ...	7
Number of Bakehouse Inspections	18
Number of Factory Inspections	103
Number of Inspections re: "Means of Escape" ..	-
Number of Visits to Food Shops and Stalls ...	260
Number of Visits to Dairies... ..	5
Number of Visits to Schools and School Canteens	7
Number of Visits to Slaughterhouse	456
Number of Visits to Ice Cream Shops	21
Number of Visits under Shops Acts	35
Number of Visits to Offices under P.H. Acts ..	2
Number of Visits to Infected Houses	6
Number of Visits re: Work in Progress	70
Miscellaneous Visits re: Complaints, etc. ...	190
Number of Houses disinfected	4
Number of Houses disinfested	1
Informal Notices to Owners, etc.... ..	241
Statutory Notices served	1

MOVEABLE DWELLINGS AND CAMP SITES

Permission was given under Section 269 of the Public Health Act, 1936, for the siting of a Caravan for a limited period only, as the owner was experiencing housing difficulty at the time.

There are no official Camping Sites in the Borough.

SHOP PREMISES

Routine inspection, and special inspection as occasion required, continued during the year. In several cases, occupiers of shops were given warning as to minor contraventions of the Shops Acts.

FACTORIES

There are at present 18 Non-Power and 117 Power Factories, a total of 135 premises, on the register and coming within the purview of the Factories Act. Inspection during the year proved that the standard generally was satisfactory.

SCHOOLS

All Schools in the Borough now have modern sanitary amenities, including washing facilities.

PUBLIC CONVENIENCES

A considerable amount of wilful damage was again done in the Public Conveniences, despite the posting of Police Notices. There is far too much vandalism in such public places in these days, and the cost of repairing damage is quite considerable and an unnecessary charge on the ratepayer.

The close pebble-dash on walls has been effective in preventing the offensive writings and drawings in conveniences used by males, but the despoiling of painted surfaces of walls in the centrally situated convenience for females still continues. Here "lipstick" drawings and writings are the order of the day, and much time is spent by the cleaner in endeavouring to obliterate these.

ATMOSPHERIC POLLUTION

It was found necessary to make 7 Smoke Observations of factory chimneys during the year 1958. In one case the black smoke emissions were considered to be excessive and notice was issued to the Firm concerned.

The cupola furnace of a local Foundry again proved troublesome from time to time and following representations from the Department the owners took steps to improve the grit-arresting equipment and instal a water-spray apparatus which helped to confine grit emission.

No action was called for during 1958 in respect of other industrial premises from which emissions of dust and fumes gave rise to nuisance over a period of years. The owners of these premises have gone to considerable trouble and expense in their effort to improve atmospheric conditions in our area and have been most co-operative at all times.

PREVENTION OF DAMAGE BY PESTS ACT, 1949

The Health Department employs a full-time Operator on Rodent Control, etc. The town is divided into eight sections and regular tours of inspection of premises and land are made within these sections, and treatments carried out where necessary.

One test baiting and two maintenance treatments of the town's sewers are carried out each year in accordance with Ministry instructions.

During 1958, treatments were also carried out on behalf of the Bowland Rural District Council as follows:-

Refuse Tips	- 4;
Farms	- 6;
Private	
Dwellings	- 4.

Householders and occupiers of industrial premises in the Borough area co-operated well with the department by giving prompt notice of infestation by rats or mice.

The Table on the following page gives a summary of the work done during the year under review.

	Type of Properties		
	Non-Agricultural		Agricultural
	Dwelling Houses	All Other	
(a) Number of Properties in District	4096	605	62
(b) Number of Properties inspected	50	605	62
(c) Total Inspections carried out	50	1490	230
(d) Number of Properties which were found to be infested by			
Rats - Major	-	11	-
- Minor	9	26	8
Mice - Major	-	-	-
- Minor	41	19	-
(e) Number of Infested Properties Treated..	50	56	8
(f) Total Treatments Carried out (including re-treatments)..	50	63	10
(g) Number of "Block" Schemes	-	5	-

RAG FLOCK AND OTHER FILLING MATERIALS ACT, 1951

Two sets of premises are registered in accordance with this Act.

PET ANIMALS ACT, 1951

Under this Act, two Licences were issued during the year. Conditions on the premises of the Firms concerned were quite satisfactory during the period under review.

DEALERS IN OLD METAL, ETC.

In accordance with Section 86 of the Public Health Acts (Amendment) Act, 1907, six dealers are registered with the Local Authority. In this matter the Department's Officials co-operate with the Police Authority when necessary.

CHIEF SANITARY REQUIREMENTS OF THE DISTRICT

- The abolition of sub-standard housing accommodation considered unfit for human habitation, and the provision of new housing for displaced persons.
- The re-conditioning and improvement of other properties in the town.
- The conversion to the freshwater system of the remaining pail closets and waste-water closets.
(Grant Scheme now operating.)
- The provision of a Public Convenience which is centrally situated, and equipped with facilities for washing, etc.
(Under consideration at the end of the year).

2. HOUSING CONDITIONS

The general standard of housing accommodation in the Borough is good, but there are several areas of out-worn and out-dated property which call for clearance.

In the Local Authority's 1st Five Year Programme which was approved by the Minister of Housing and Local Government, 151 sub-standard houses are to be dealt with, and a further 128 houses are included in the 5 - 10 Year Group.

The Official Representation of the Medical Officer of Health setting out the condition of the properties in the first area for clearance, comprising Marlborough Street, Harrop Street, Grimshaw Street, Giles Street and part Whalley Road, was submitted to the Council on Tuesday, 18th June 1957, when it was decided that with a view to securing the clearance of this area the Corporation purchase the land and themselves undertake the demolition of the properties thereon.

The Order in respect of this area was designated "The Clitheroe (Whalley Road No.1 Clearance Area) Compulsory Purchase Order, 1958". A Public Local Inquiry into the Order was held in the Town Hall on the 24th September, 1958.

During 1958 seven houses - Nos. 4 and 8 Waddington Road, 8 Whalley Road, 1 and 3 Park Street, 20 Church Brow and 20 Castle Gate were found to be unfit for human habitation and not capable at reasonable expense of being rendered fit. The houses were closed after Undertakings not to relet had been given by the owners.

In considering the problem of rehousing following slum clearance, attention must be given to the provision of various types of housing accommodation if persons displaced are to be rehoused satisfactorily. The provision of small dwellings suitable for single persons, bungalows for old people and small families, in addition to the standard two and three bedroomed houses must be discussed when new building programmes are before the Authority.

The Council have decided on the erection of 42 Bungalows (16 one-bedroomed and 26 two bedroomed) on the Manor Road Site, and again, these will be used to rehouse people from clearance properties.

RENT ACT, 1957

FIRST SCHEDULE

Part I - Applications for Certificates of Disrepair

(1)	Number of applications for certificates	15
(2)	Number of decisions not to issue certificates	-
(3)	Number of decisions to issue certificates	15
	(a) in respect of some but not all defects	10
	(b) in respect of all defects	5
(4)	Number of undertakings given by landlords under paragraph 5 of the First Schedule	15
(5)	Number of undertakings refused by Local Authority under proviso to paragraph 5 of the First Schedule	-
(6)	Number of Certificates issued	2

Part II - Applications for Cancellation of Certificates

(7)	Applications by landlords to Local Authority for cancellation of certificates	1
(8)	Objections by tenants to cancellation of certificates	-
(9)	Decisions by Local Authority to cancel in spite of tenants' objection	-
(10)	Certificates cancelled by Local Authority	1

IMPROVEMENT SCHEMES

Under the Housing Acts 1949 and 1954, 13 Improvement Schemes were brought forward from the previous year. Twelve were completed satisfactorily and "Certificates of Completion" were issued; the one remaining Scheme was not proceeded with.

During 1958, 18 new Schemes were submitted to the Council and in 16 cases Grants were made. Nine of these Schemes were completed and Certificates issued during the year. In the remaining 7 Schemes the works were in hand but not completed at the end of the year.

Since 1955, some 113 Improvement Schemes have been submitted and in 90 cases Grants made by the Council.

It is pleasing to know that many of the older properties which are structurally sound are being brought up to modern standards at a fraction of the cost of new building, and will thus provide excellent housing accommodation for many years to come.

HOUSING STATISTICS

Number of Houses, Flats and Bungalows erected by the Local Authority during the year	6
Number of Houses, Flats and Bungalows erected by other persons during the year	15
Number of Houses inspected for housing defects	48
Number of Houses found during the year to be unfit for human habitation	6
Number of Houses found during the year not to be in all respects fit for habitation	10
Number of Houses existing at the end of the year which are considered to be unfit and not capable at reasonable expense of being rendered fit	276
Number of Houses rendered fit in consequence of informal action by Local Authority or Officers	9
Number of Houses demolished or closed during the year	7
Number of cases of Overcrowding relieved	N I L

3. INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD

MILK SUPPLY

The Local Authority is responsible for milk distribution and the supervision of dairymen only, the inspection of farms, cowsheds, etc. being the responsibility of the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food.

Four sets of premises in the Borough are registered as Dairies. Routine inspection of these premises proved them to be satisfactorily maintained.

Five Dealers' Licences for the sale of Tuberculin Tested Milk and two for the sale of Pasteurised Milk were issued during the year.

MEAT AND OTHER FOODS

There are no Private Slaughterhouses in the Borough and all slaughtering is carried out at the Authority's Abattoir. A 100% inspection service of meat carcasses is maintained by the Council's Inspectors.

The disposal of condemned meat and offals is under the control of the Local Authority. All such meat is dyed and is sold to a reputable firm of processors who have given an undertaking as to appropriate ultimate disposal.

MEAT AND OTHER FOODS (continued).....

The following shows the amount of food condemned and removed from the supply during the year ended 31st December, 1958:-

Non-Tubercular Carcase Meat	916 lbs.
Non-Tubercular Offals	2,993 lbs.
Tubercular Carcase Meat	415 lbs.
Tubercular Offals	455 lbs.
Fish	170 lbs.
Ham	14 lbs.
Eggs	28 lbs.
Canned Corned Beef	30 lbs.
Canned Tongue	20 lbs.
Chicken	8 Tins
Milk	3 Tins
Vegetables	99 Tins
Fruit	128 Tins

MEAT CARCASSES INSPECTED AND CONDEMNED DURING THE YEAR 1958					
	Cattle exclud- ing Cows	Cows	Calves	Sheep and Lambs	Pigs
Number killed	1016	45	11	5326	1568
Number inspected	1016	45	11	5326	1568
<u>All diseases except Tuberculosis and Cysticercosis:-</u>					
Whole carcasses condemned	1	NIL	NIL	2	2
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned	377	22	-	224	11
Percentage of number inspec- ted affected with disease other than T.B. and Cysticerci	37%	49%	-	4%	7%
<u>Tuberculosis only:-</u>					
Whole carcasses condemned	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	2
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned	23	1	-	-	9
Percentage affected	2%	2%	-	-	6%
<u>Cysticercosis:-</u>					
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned	2	-	-	-	-
Carcasses submitted for treatment by refriger- ation	2	-	-	-	-
Generalised and totally condemned	-	-	-	-	-

MEAT AND OTHER FOODS (continued.....)

Under Section 14 of the Food and Drugs Act, 16 premises are registered for the preparation and manufacture of sausages, or potted, pressed, pickled or preserved meat foods intended for sale. Fifty-five premises are also registered for the sale of Ice Cream.

Seven hawkers of food and their premises are registered under Section 14 of the Lancashire County Council (General Powers) Act, 1951.

Byelaws made under Section 15 of the Food and Drugs Act, 1938, in respect of the Handling, Wrapping and Delivery of Food for Sale, and the Sale of Food in the Open Air, are in force in the Borough, and copies are supplied to the occupiers of food shops and stalls.

Notices requesting customers not to bring dogs into food shops are still displayed in a large majority of these premises, and are generally appreciated by the traders and customers alike.

Routine inspections, and special inspections as called for, are carried out in respect of food shops and stalls, and food preparing premises generally.

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